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TAGS: OVIP, TC (SHAYKH ZAYID)

SUBJ: POSSIBLE US VISIT BY UAE PRESIDENT SHAYKH ZAYID

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1. IFC OFFICIAL DAJANI, WHO BEARER UAE PASSPORT, CALLED ON DEPASSTSECY DAVIES APRIL 17 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS RE VISIT TO US BY UAE PRESIDENT SHAYKH ZAYID. CURRENTLY MANY GROUPS SEEKING NEGOTIATE LONG- TERM PURCHASE CONTRACTS FOR ABU DHABI PARTICIPATION CRUDE AND DAJANI SAID HE HAD COUNSELED ZAYID THAT CONTRACT GO TO US FIRM. THIS WOULD ASSURE GREATER US INTEREST AND PRESENCE IN UAE AND UAE NEEDED GET CLOSER TO A MAJOR POWER. ZAYID HAD AGREED WITH DAJANI AND INSTRUCTED THAT NEXT CONTRACT GO AMERICAN.

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2. THIS HAD LED ZAYID TO MENTION HIS INTEREST IN BEING INVITED VISIT US IN OFFICIAL OR PRIVATE CAPACITY. HE HAD ASKED DAJANI CONVEY THIS MESSAGE TO USG OFFICIALS AND AT SAME TIME ASK IF THERE WAS ANY WAY US COULD PERSUADE SAUDIS OPEN EMBASSY IN ABU DHABI. LATTER WAS ONE OF HIS TOP PRIORITIES. ZAYID PROFESSED HE WILLING TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE BOUNDARY DISPUTE WITH SAUDIS BUT THOUGHT US GOOD OFFICES WOULD HELP. ZAYID ALSO

MENTIONED INTEREST IN CONSULTING WITH US MEDICAL SPECIALISTS. HE SUFFERS FROM WATER ON KNEE AS RESULT OF SWIMMING ACCIDENT SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

3. DAJANI HOPEDRRRENT PROJECT FOR WHICH EXIMBANK FINANCING IS BEING EXTENDED, GLOBAL SERVICES WILL SELL THE SIX LAND BASED DRILLING RIGS, SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES TO SANTA FE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES INC. SANTA FE INTERNATIONAL SERVICES INC., HAS A CONTRACT WITH THE IRANIAN OIL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCING COMPANY N. V. TO PROVIDE DRILLING SERVICES.

THE LOANS ARE TO BE REPAID IN 10 SEMIANNUAL INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING OCTOBER 10, 1973, WITH EXIMBANK'S DIRECT LOAN OF \$7,942,500 TO BE REPAID OUT OF THE LAST 5 INSTALLMENTS WITH INTEREST AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 6 PERCENT ON OUTSTANDING BALANCES AND REPAYMENT TO BE GUARANTEED BY SANTA FE INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION.
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